its utilisation during each of last three years is as indicated below :

(Rs. in Lakh)

	Year	Allocation	Utilisation
Schemes of Deptt.	1993-94	460.0	349.3
of Agri. Coopn.	1994-95	785.0	459.8
	1995-96	535.0	511.9
Schemes of M/o	1993-94	119.8	112.8
Environment	1994-95	122.0	142.3
and Forests	1995-96	224.0	135.0

Under the schemes of Ministry of Environment and Forest, funds upto 20% can be used for soil and moisture conservation components.

(c) The low utilization is due to non release of funds by the State Government to the implementing agencies.

(d) Under the scheme of Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects, so far an area of 13800 ha. has been treated. Under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, major items of works taken up so far include drainage line treatment, contour vegetative hedges, crop demonstration, agro-forestry, dry land horticulture and household production systems. Under the two schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forest namely Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Developmnt Project and Area-oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project, an area of 8900 ha. has been treated so far.

National Coastal Management Authority

2165. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up the National Coastal Management Authority to oversee the functioning of State Coastal Management Authorities to protect the Coastal line of the country;

(b) if so, the terms of reference, jurisdiction and powers thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also monitoring the implementation of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification of 1991;

(d) if so, whether any violation of the aforesaid notification has been noticed by the Government, and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Government of State or Union Territory and such other authorities at the State or Union Territory levels, as may be designated for this purpose, shall be responsible for monitoring and enforcemnet of the provisions of this notification within their respective jurisdictions.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration have been asked to submit report.

Condition of Tihar Jail

2166. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether unhygenic conditions, poor medical facilities, serving of bad food, impropr lavatory block, congestion in wards and so on are prevailing in the Tihar Jail, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to improve the pitiable condition prevailing there;

(c) whether the jail manual was written about a centry back and the same has become totally redundant in the present day environment;

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend the jail manual of all the jails in the country including the Tihar Jail; and

(e) if so, the time by which the same would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The Government of Delhi has taken numerous measures inmates to provide better living conditions to the inmates of the Tihar Jail. Food in the jail is cooked in hygienic conditions. Canteen facilities are available to the prisoners. They are provided with seasonal clothing and bedding. The jail has also a Cable TV network. Every newly admitted prisoner is medically examined. Specialists from DDU Hospital and other hospitals visit the jail. A caring unit under one Assistant Superintendent of Jail has been assigned the duty of helping and guiding the prisoners when they are taken to various hospitals outside the jail for treatment. Prisoners who are drug addicts, are treated at the Drug De-addiction Centre called 'Ashiana'. Post de-addiction care is provided by another Centre called 'Aasra'. Ward Panchayats have been activated to identify depresssed/ ill prisoners needing special psychiatric/medical attention. To reduce overcrowing, a new jail (Jail no. 5) has been opened recently.

(c) No, Sir. The Delhi Jail Manual was introduced in the year 1988.

(d) and (e). A core group constituted in pursuance of the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission has deliberated on the issue of drafting a blue print for prison reforms to form the basis for a Model Prison Manual. The drafting of such a Manual, however, is a longdrawn process, as it involves wideranging consultations with criminal justice functionaries, prison administrators, experts, human rights experts, etc.

Smuggling of Sandalwood

2167. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Police had unearthed the smuggling of Sandalwood worth lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether further enquiry was conducted in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to check the smuggling of sandalwood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. On 10th July, 1996, one consignment of 1110 kilogram of sandalwood was caught by the Delhi Police and the case was registered at Desh Bandhu Gupta Road Police Station. The case has been challaned in the Court.

(e) The various steps taken by the Government to check the smuggling of sandalwood are :

(1) The export of sandalwood has been banned in any form but excluding :

(i) Finished and polished handicraft products of sandalwood

(ii) Machine finished sandalwood products, and

(iii) Those forms of sandalwood as specified and subject to the conditions laid down in Public Notice No. 75 dated 8.12.1995 as amended and Public Notice No. 77 dated 1.1.1996 as amended by the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce.

2. The sandalwood producing States have taken up stringent measures to check the illicit fellings, transportation and possession of sandalwood.

Prison Act of 1894

2168. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prison Act of 1894 is still in force in the country;

(b) whether Government have still to evolve guidelines for prison management and update of jail system; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to amend this outdated act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government, State Governments and various organisations are presently interacting on the possible content of a Bill to cover changes on various aspects of the prison administration.

President's Medal

2169. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the investiture ceremony is held every year to confer the President's Medal for rendering distinguished service by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which invitations were not sent to the persons who were for the investiture ceremony during the last two years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the medals are sent to those recipients who are not invited to the investiture ceremony; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases and through whom these medals were sent during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) No. Investiture Ceremony is held at the National level to confer President's Police Medal for distinguished service. The medals are sent to the concerned CPOs/ State Governments for presenting them to the recipients in the way considered appropriate by them.

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Production of Fertilizers

2170. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the details of total quantity of fertilizers produced by each unit of the National Fertilizer Limited during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to augment the production capacity of those units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?